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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite Claim 8 as:

8. (first amended) A process for making a structure, comprising:  
providing a solid body of  $\text{MgB}_2$ ;  
ejecting  $\text{MgB}_2$  from the body by directing laser light onto the body; and  
growing an  $\text{MgB}_2$  layer on a surface of a substrate from a portion of the ejected  
 $\text{MgB}_2$ .

Unchanged Claim 9:

9. The process of claim 8, wherein the substrate and  $\text{MgB}_2$   
have lattice constants along the surface that match to at least 10 percent.

Unchanged Claim 10:

10. The process of claim 8, further comprising forming the solid body by  
sintering  $\text{MgB}_2$ .